



Trail News

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From the *Meeteetse Conservation District*

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***** Under Secretary Bonnie in Wyoming*****

Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and the Environment was in Cody on June 16th for a meeting with the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council. He found time to view some NRCS projects at the Hoodoo Ranch and to see conservation efforts undertaken by Hat 2 Ranch owners, Kasey and Ondi Shepperson...highlighting the permanent conservation easement held by the Stock Growers Land Trust (see below) and habitat enhancement projects supported by the NRCS Sage Grouse Initiative. Read more about the NRCS's SGI program on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sage-Grouse-Initiative/408072312539614> and their visit their website at: <http://www.sagegrouseinitiative.com/>.



From left: Casey Sheley, state resource conservationist; Tim Griffiths, Sage-grouse Initiative (SGI) coordinator; Astrid Martinez, state conservationist; Dave Naugle, SGI national science adviser; Pam Dewell, executive director, Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust; Kasey Shepperson, owner of Hat 2 Ranch; **Steve Jones, board member for the Meeteetse Conservation District**; Under Secretary Robert Bonnie; **Blaise Allen, SGI range conservationist**, and Rory Karhu, district conservationist for Park County.

--- Ranchland Succession Program ---

To help address the critical needs of our state's ranching families, the Wyoming Stock Growers Land Trust has initiated the Ranchland Succession Program. Its aim is to leverage new tools that help the next generation of Wyoming ranchers remain on the land, keeping some of our nation's most important private acreage in agriculture. Our strategy is two-fold: To implement existing programs on a broader scale and augment these programs with new offerings. We are currently working to spread the word to those who can help-and-benefit most, and believe that Wyoming can maintain the wide-open landscapes, customs and culture for which we are known. For more information, visit their website at: http://wsgalt.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/wsglt_leavebehind_email.pdf.



Wyoming
DEPARTMENT OF Agriculture

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) is pleased to announce a Request for Proposal for funding through the Agriculture Producer Research Grant Program (APRGP). The program was developed with the intent to foster funding for applied agriculture research projects that focus on practical results that can be implemented by Wyoming producers to enhance agriculture in Wyoming. The application and other support documents for the program may be found on the Wyoming Department of Agriculture website at <http://agriculture.wy.gov/divisions/nrp/aprg-program>.



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For The

Meeteetse Conservation District

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(1) RURAL MEMBER

Any registered voter living within the boundaries of the district, but **not** living within the boundaries of an incorporated city

(1) URBAN MEMBER

Any registered voter of a Wyoming municipality within the boundaries of the district

(1) AT-LARGE MEMBER

Any registered voter living within the boundaries of the district
(rural or urban)

REWARDing opportunity **OFFERED** to be involved in your local conservation district's plans for improving rangeland and wildlife habitat in the Meeteetse area.

For more information and to pick up an Application for Election stop by the Meeteetse Conservation District's office located at 910 Park Avenue* or call us at 307-868-2484.

**After August 1st, we will be at our new offices located at 1906 State Street
(formerly Lucille's Café)*

-----Reminders and Updates-----

August 13 ~ 7:00 p.m. MCD Board of Supervisors' regular monthly meeting at the NEW MCD office, located at 1906 State Street, Meeteetse (formerly Lucille's Café). The public is welcome.

Through its *Trail News*, the MCD hopes to keep the community informed, and all of us here, as your local government, encourage you to give us feedback, fresh ideas and comments so that the District can represent the Meeteetse community in the best way possible. For a copy of the Trail News by email, please call us at 307-868-2484 or send an email request to: mcd@tctwest.net.

Happy Trails to You! Bernie, Blaise, Ginny, & Steffen